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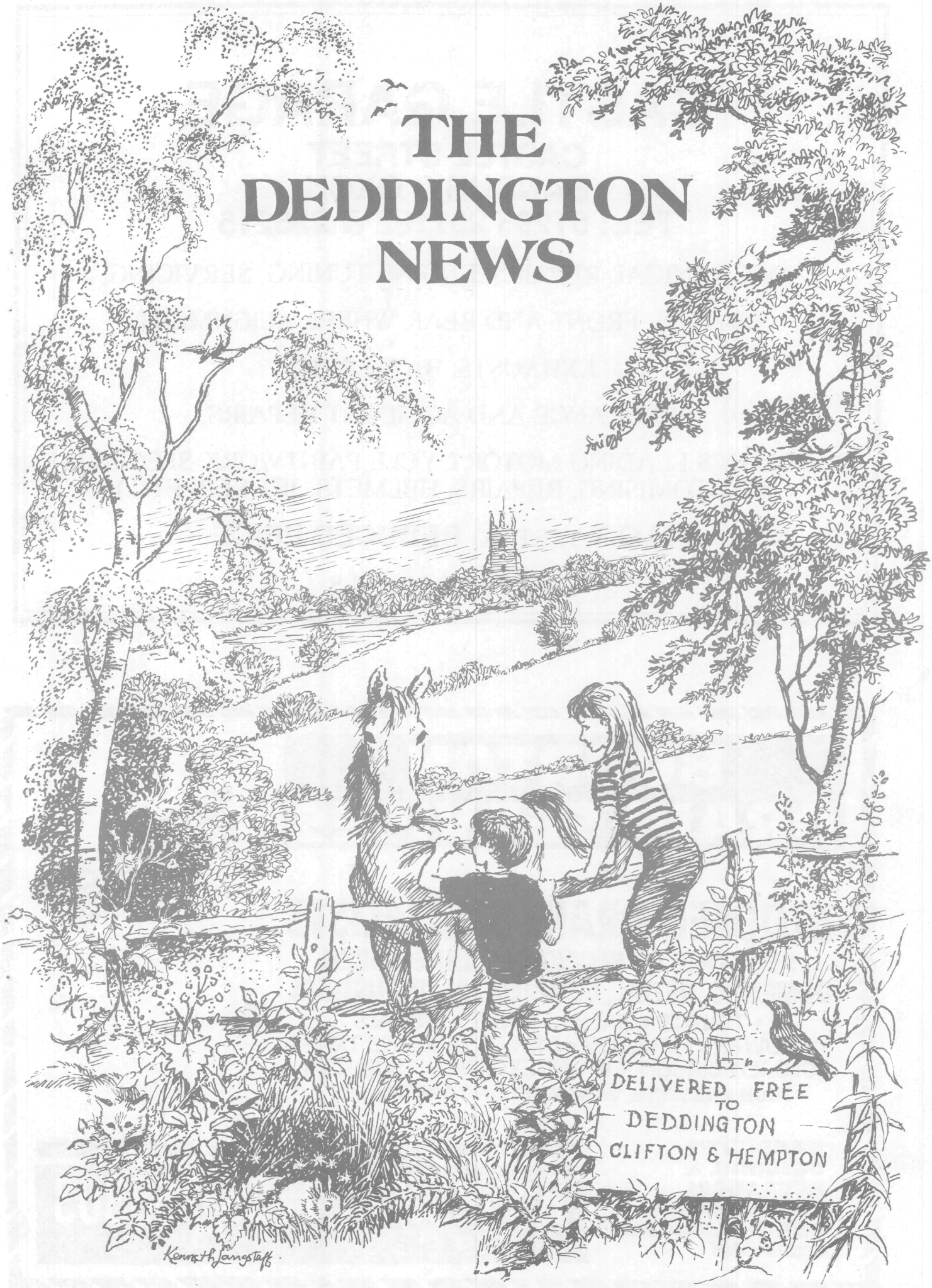

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EDITORIAL

Much has happened since the last issue. At the beginning of December we were faced with the closure of the Post Office and possible closure of the village shop. The Parish Council made admirably swift alternative arrangements with Adderbury Post Office (to whom, our thanks) and three weeks later Deddington's services were restored. That would appear to be the end of the story - except that all of us were made aware of just how inter-dependent our community is. Other village shops suffered a linked fall-off in business during the closure. For those with pensions and other allowances to collect, Deddington must suddenly have seemed a much less attractive place in which to live. If we lose our amenities we stand to lose the variety and richness of our community.

Which leads naturally to Deddington Library. There was a very good response to December's questionnaire. Geoff Todd has written an outline of current proposals on library cuts (p.11) and introduces the idea of the Friends of Deddington Library to help combat any shortfalls in our own services. We hope to include an insert in this issue giving the results of the January 27 decisions.

On page 12 George Fenemore writes forcefully about current problems in the world of farming. And the Editor's Postbag has a letter from Bill Ivings, announcing his resignation as Bell Tower Captain. Some people become almost part of the fabric of the place in which they live. Bill has rung for 33 years.The Bell Tower without him seems unthinkable. But we do all grow older and we wish Bill a host of more down-to-earth interests in the years ahead.

Does some of the above make Deddington sound a fading place ? Nonsense. We're mapping for the Millennium. We're on the Internet, the Appeal total rises and I'm off to the Pantomime, to cheer and hiss and to salute a splendidly successful example of village co-operation. Kristin Thompson

Fridays	*Coffee mornings in aid of Katharine House, Parish Church, 10-12.*
Fridays	*Mother and Toddler Group. Windmill Centre, 9.45 - 11.45 am*
Sundays	*British Legion, Bingo at 8 pm.*

FEBRUARY DIARY

Mo	2	Monday Morning Club: Holly Tree, 10 am till noon.
Wed	4	Friendship Club; (Formerly U3A) Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm.
Tu	10	WI: Nursing Worldwide - The Flying Doctor, Mrs J Stilgoe, Holly Tree, 7.30 pm
Wed	11	Deddington Bowls Club Whist drive, British Legion, 7.30 pm. (p.00)
Fr	13	Oxfordshire Touring Co: " Narrow Boat to the Wide World", Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm (p.4)
Th	12	Friends of Deddington Library, Open Meeting, Town Hall, 7.30 pm.
Sat	14	British Legion: Valentine's Dance to " Out of the Blue", 8.45 pm
Sat 14/Sun 15		Waste Paper Skip in School Playground.
Mo	16	Road Show Sportsmobile for 4 - 14 yr olds, Windmill Centre, 1 - 3pm.
Mo	16	Monday Morning Club outing, "The Yeomen of the Guard"- Banbury Operatic Society
Tu	17	**COPY DATE FOR MARCH DEDDINGTON NEWS.**
Wed	18	Friendship Club; Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm.
Wed	18	Parish Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7.30 pm.
Th	19	Christian Aid in Ethiopia, The Rev Hall , Wesleyan Chapel, 7.45 pm.
Fr	20	British Legion: Street Level disco, 8.45 pm.
Sat	21	The Adderbury Ensemble play in Deddington Church, 7.30 pm. Proceeds to the Appeal (p.5).
Fr	27	Deddington Pre-School Quiz Night, British Legion.

MARCH DIARY

Mo	2	Monday Morning Club: Holly Tree, 10 am till noon.
Wed	4	Deddington Bowls Club Whist Drive, British Legion, &.30 pm.
Wed	4	Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8 - 10 pm.
Sat	7	Church Restoration Appeal: Promises Auction at The Windmill Centre, 7 pm.(p.5)
Wed	10	WI; Annual General Meeting, Holly Tree, 7.30 pm.
Sat	14	Church Restoration Appeal: Race Night at the Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm. (p.5)

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Main points of meeting held in the Town Hall, Wednesday, 17 December 1997.

Attended by Cllrs Flux (chair), Brewer, Clarke, Clinch, Colley, Cosgrove, Fisher, Hill, Stevens, Swash, Todd, the Clerk David Blakey, and two parishioners.

LOW COST HOUSING

With the agreement of the District Valuer, the vendors upped the price of the land, in line with increased values. Contract negotiations may now go ahead. A ruling on the planning application should be made on 29 January 1998.

HORTON HOSPITAL

PC supports conclusion of Davidson Report that all existing services should be maintained/improved, including Accident and Emergency. There must be strong local representation at Trust and professional level.

NEWS IN BRIEF

- Clifton Play Area still unlevelled and bark chippings still unspread. Clerk to pursue.
- Cemetery fees are due for substantial increase.
- Holly Tree bookings continue to grow. Wine-tasting raised £460 for Church Restoration Fund.
- Annual rent of Hempton Stonepit to be held at £340, pending review in 12 months.
- Street name signs needed in Castle Street, Satin Lane and at both ends of The Tchure. Clerk to pursue.
- 'No parking' sign needed at St Thomas Street junction with Walnut Tree Workshops. Clerk to pursue.

SPEED LIMITS

OCC intend to apply 30 mph limit in all towns and villages. Local councils will be expected to contribute towards cost. Fortunately, our parish already has the necessary limits in force, so will incur no costs.

PLANNING

PC had no objection to (1) *Duke of Cumberland's Head, Clifton* - blocking up roadside access and opening up new access to Village Bar (2) *Clifton Mill* - alterations to roof and interior (3) *Walnut Close, Clifton* - extension above existing kitchen and garage (4) *53 St John's Way, Hempton* - new porch and rear extension (5) *Hempton Road* - permission for new farmhouse transferred to Dun's Tew Road (6) *Hempton Road* - 23 new dwellings (7) *Acorn Stores, Market Place* - rear extension (8) *Clydesdale, Market Place* - demolish shop front, reinstate garage (9) *Pretoria House, Market Place* - new front door and side window.

Note: On an application to vary conditions attached to permissions on offices/garages between *Pretoria House and Hudson Court*, PC recommended that the garages should not be used for storage and that parking should not spill over into the access road.

CDC approved rebuilding of chimney at *Leadenporch House* and felling of cupressus leylandii at *1 Hopcraft Lane*. Permission for one new dwelling at *St James's Farm, Clifton,* was refused.

POST OFFICE

After the sudden closure of Deddington Post Office, PC's prompt action in arranging transport to Adderbury PO, for pensioners and others, was much appreciated in the parish. An extra donation of £25 to Age Concern, for use of their bus, was approved.

LIBRARY

PC's working group recommended formation of Friends of Deddington Library, to pressurise OCC and find ways, such as book donations, of alleviating the effects of any adverse decisions. It may be necessary to earmark funds for making good any unavoidable shortfall in OCC provision.

INVESTMENT OF PARISH FUNDS

Total £577,445.19, of which £450,000 Bradford & Bingley @ 7.6%; £100,000 Treasury @ 7.0625%; £27,185.05 @ 5.37% 14 days notice; £260.14 @ 2.875% overnight.

Main points of meeting held in the Town Hall, Wednesday 21 January 1998.

Attended by Cllrs Flux (chair), Brewer, Clarke, Clinch, Cosgrove, Drake, Fisher, Hill, Lee, Stevens, Swash, Todd, C/Cllr Matthews and the Clerk, David Blakey.

GET WELL SOON

PC expressed sympathy and best wishes in their absence, because of illness, to D/Cllr O'Sullivan and Mr E E Pearson, a regular attender at these meetings.

SPEED LIMITS

It now appears that the parish may incur some expenditure on extending the 30 mph limit to meet OCC requirements [see note of meeting on 17 December]. PC voted to meet up to 50% of any costs, subject to a maximum of £500.

FINAL ACCOUNTS 1996/7

PC appointed the Clerk as the responsible finance officer and unanimously approved the accounts.

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PARISH COUNCIL continued

BUDGET 1998/9

The Clerk left the meeting while his salary was discussed. PC decided to increase his salary to the recommended level from 1 April 1998. His excellent work was highly commended. He then returned to the meeting, and introduced the budget paper, pointing out that the present accounting system - payments/receipts - is being replaced by expenditure/income.

In discussion, PC resolved to pay for additional grass cutting (offsetting CDC reduction); increase the Section 137 provision to £1000; increase the Village Steward's wage rate from £6.25 per hour to £6.50 per hour, backdated one year; maintain a 50% precept; add a contingency sum of £1000. The budget was approved as amended.

LOW COST HOUSING

The timetable has slipped again. The new vendors' agreed, revised, price is now subject to unacceptable conditions and must be resolved. It is hoped that contracts will be signed by the end of March. None of this is a PC responsibility.

NEWS IN BRIEF

- Clifton play area field has now been rolled. Bark chippings will be laid. CDC considers grant application early in March.
- Bill for Netball Club equipment and gear is less than PC's £500 grant offer.
- PC to provide junior football practice goalpost at Castle Grounds.
- Concern expressed about smells and mess from skips at Unicorn Hotel. Clerk to pursue.
- Mr and Mrs Spenceley have now contacted all landowners affected by the proposed circular walk. They were thanked for their efforts.
- OCC to be congratulated on their excellent job in improving Church St pavements.
- Work on Earl's Lane traffic calming measures starts in April.
- Also in April, CDC will be ordering conservation style street name signs for Castle Street, Satin Lane and The Tchure.
- Change of licence applications from Susan Oddy to Susan Oddy and John Anderson, for The Deddington Arms, and from Stuart Smith to Nicholas John Dale, for Post Office Stores.

CHAPEL SQUARE/PHILCOTE ST HAZARD

Pavement widening and placing of bollards in Chapel Square at the junction with Philcote Street was undertaken without consultation with, or the knowledge of, PC. [EH? - NCS) There is grave concern that there could be a serious accident. On-site consultation with OCC to be arranged urgently.

IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED

Parking in Earl's Lane at the junction with Tays Lane, deep puddles in Tay's Lane and a drop in the pavement in The Tchure all need attention. Clerk to pursue.

PLANNING

PC had no objection to (1) *Deddington Arms* - fire escape (2) *Three Horseshoes, Bullring* - new 2-bed house and garage on Earl's Lane building line (3) *1 The Daedings* - extension between house and garage (subject to new windows being in keeping with existing) (4) *Weeping Ash, Clifton* - change from Velux windows to dormers.

CDC has approved applications in respect of *The Duke of Cumberland's Head, Clifton*, *53 St John's Road, Hempton*, and *Clydesdale, Market Place*.

INVESTMENT OF PARISH FUNDS

Total £574,727.64, of which £450,000 Bradford & Bingley @ 7.6%; £100,000 Treasury @ 7.0625% fixed; £20,085.05 @ 4.875% on 14 days' notice; £4,642.59 @ 3.5% overnight.

USE THAT BUS, OR LOSE IT

In response to demand, a special bus service was arranged, leaving Deddington Market Place for Banbury on weekdays at 7.20am, and returning at 6pm from Banbury bus station. Hardly anybody uses it and the service is at risk.

IT SHOULD HAPPEN TO A VET

Hawthorne Lodge vets want to return to Deddington and are looking for a site for 3 sessions a week at half an hour each time. [ANY IDEAS? - NCS].

DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

OCC officials favour one of two options. Both would cut opening hours, reduce expenditure on new books and close 8 libraries, though none in North Oxfordshire. OCC councillors may not accept either proposition and decide on no closures.

PC ELECTIONS

Arising out of the Local Government Review, PC suggests that Clifton and Hempton should each become Wards, hold their own elections, and return one councillor apiece to Deddington Parish Council. The total number of councillors would remain unchanged at 14.

RADON GAS

CDC Environmental Health Department urges all parishioners who have received an official invitation to have their homes tested for Radon gas to accept. The tests are free and any necessary remedial measures are simple and relatively inexpensive.

NEXT MEETING Wednesday 18 February.

NEWS FROM SCHOOL

The term began with eight new children joining us, bringing our role to 160. Among that number are four children from Sweden.
We were, therefore, delighted to be chosen as one of the schools representing Cherwell District in a twinning arrangement with the Vara area of Sweden. The main element of the link is electronic communication between Deddington School and a school in Vara. To that end, we are now connected to the Internet. We can be e-mailed on deddington.school@rmplc.co.uk.
The children have also shown their support for conventional methods of communication.They have written letters expressing concern for the future of Deddington Library, and a display of posters appeared in the *Banbury Guardian*..
Some of our older pupils organised a Bring and Buy Sale in aid of the *Blue Peter* appeal. It raised over £130 to help sufferers of Cystic Fibrosis.
Finally, both our netball and football teams went through the entire Autumn Term unbeaten. The footballers have reached the quarter-finals of the Banbury Area Cup, with victories over Grimsbury St. Leonard's (3-2) and St. Joseph's (5-4). Out netballers have had several large wins, the latest being 15-1 against Bishop Carpenter School (North Newington). PETER GORINGE

.... AND FROM THE PTA.

Happy New Year to you all from the PTA and a big welcome to all the new families recently arrived in Deddington.
Santa's Float was an enormous success and raised in excess of £550. Thank you to everyone who joined in the festive spirit and donated so generously.The money is very welcome and much needed.
Watch out for future events, including the increasingly popular **QUIZ NIGHT** on **Saturday, March 28** (a date to pencil ion your diaries !)
Our next meeting is at the Deddington Arms on Monday, February 9. You would be most welcome.
LORRAINE THORNTON 337471

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Kate Wilson of The Leyes, Deddington, is running this year's **London Marathon** (April 26) in aid of '**Leukaemia CARE**'. She hopes to raise in the region of £1,500.
The Leukaemia CARE Society provides support for those suffering from leukaemia and allied blood disorders. It offers counselling, financial help, holiday breaks, and relies entirely on voluntary aid.
If any of you would like to help Kate raise this sum, please ask at Deddington Post Office for the sponsorship form.

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As part of CDC's programme for village entertainment Deddington Players have arranged the two following exciting events.

Friday 13th February 1998 7.30pm	Saturday 21st February 1998 7.30pm
at the Windmill The Oxfordshire Touring Theatre **NARROW BOAT TO THE WIDE WORLD** by Phil Smith A beautiful new play which portrays the joys, rifts, laughter and tears as a family of three generations take a holiday together on a narrow boat. Tickets £3.50/£1.75 available at the Country Store, Market Place, or by calling 01869 338153	in Deddington Church **ADDERBURY ENSEMBLE** This talented string quartet have a reputation for outstanding performances of enjoyable music from Baroque to Classical and Romantic. Tickets £3.50/£1.75 available at the Country Store, Market Place, or by calling 01869 338153 *In aid of the Church Restoration Fund*

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Again, to younger readers and their parents.... The Roadshow Sports Mobile will be in Deddington for **half-term**. Venue: Windmill Centre - Date: Monday, February 16 - Time: 1pm. - 3pm. - Age range: 5 - 14 years
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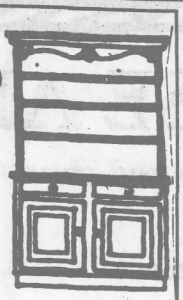

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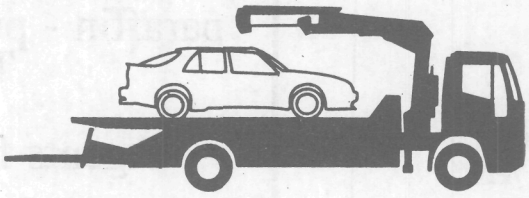

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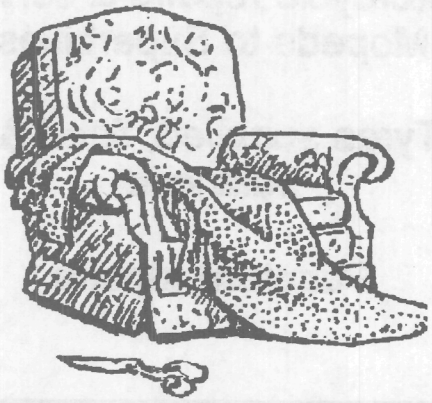

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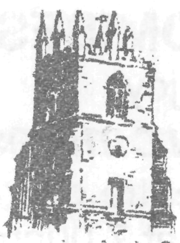
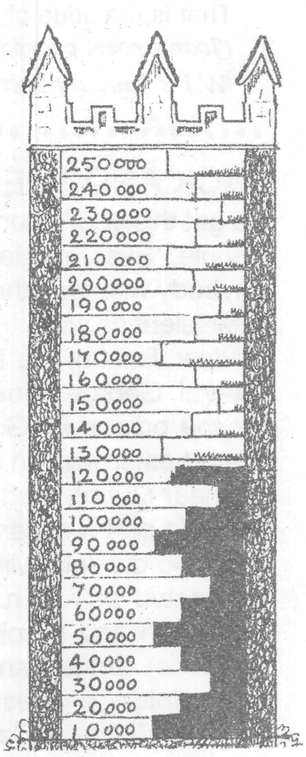


PROMISES, PROMISES from Simon Pleydell-Bouverie
As many of you know, I am organising an Auction of Promises at the Windmill Centre on Saturday March 7 (doors open, 7pm., auction at 8 p.m.) in aid of the Appeal.
Although I have had some excellent promises, I am still short of the number needed to make the evening a big success. I am, therefore, asking for your help. Promises to cook a meal, knit a sweater, give a day's gardening or an offer of an interesting day out - all will be welcomed with open arms. The promises will be sold by a professional auctioneer who is also happy to sell anything of value, with 50% of the proceeds for the donor and 50% for the Church. Please respond quickly and 'phone **01869 338269** with all your offers. We really do need your help.

APPEAL REPORT - FEBRUARY, 1998
The Appeal Fund total of moneys donated, promised and covenanted has now reached **£128,744.** Many thanks and congratulations to the Monday Morning Club and Deddington Arts for their contributions (see reports below).

WHAT'S ON
Sat. Feb. 21st: Concert by The Adderbury Ensemble, 7.30p.m. in the Parish Church. This is part of CDC's sponsored cultural programme organised by Deddington Players. Profits to the Appeal. Tickets (£3.50 / £1.75) from The Country Store or ring 338153.
Sat. March 7th: Promises Auction at the Windmill Centre. Doors open, 7 pm., Auction begins at 8pm. Tickets (£3) from The Country Store.
Sat. March 14th: Grand Race Night at the Windmill Centre, 7.30pm. All the excitement of a day at the races **and** a grand draw. What's more, if the going is soft you won't have to stand in the mud and rain.
Sat. April 19th: Keep this day free for a special event at the Windmill Centre. Something for everyone, including a 10 kilometre Fun Run for the young and fit. Start training ! JEAN FLUX 338153

ST. NICHOLAS' DAY ARTS FAIR.
On Saturday, 6 December, the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul returned to its medieval usage - as a large public space for buying and selling, eating, drinking and music making. The nave was filled with arts of all kinds, pottery and embroidery, painting and printing (including the latest computer enhanced pictures!); 'third world' and local crafts, cakes and Christmas decorations. Meanwhile, the bell ringers (both hand and bell-plate) rang, organ grinders ground, the Church Choir sang and the Church kitchen warmed us all with coffee, soup and mulled wine. As a magnificent climax, St Nicholas came to reward the children and give us his blessing. Thank you to all who took part in any way. What a lovely day we had -and £1,391.96 was raised for the Restoration Appeal ! ELIZABETH TOTHILL 338186



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MONDAY MORNING CLUB TASTES WINE AT THE HOLLY TREE IN AID OF THE RESTORATION APPEAL.
On Nov. 29, the Monday Morning Club's wine tasting evening, with the participation of S.H. Jones & Co. of Banbury, gave wine lovers a chance to taste before buying their Christmas wines and, at the same time, they raised £460 for the Church Restoration Appeal.
There were twelve wines- white, red, two sparkling whites and a dessert wine, covering most of the wine-producing areas of the world. I particularly liked the white wine from the Gascogne region of France and a Cabernet Sauvignon red from Chile. Both were reasonably priced and we enjoyed drinking them over the Christmas period. The dry sparkling wine from Australia made a good basis for Buck's Fizz ! All the wine lovers there will have made their own choice, each sure they were right.
The Club would like to thank everyone who came and helped make this such an enjoyable evening.
SHIRLEY CLINCH

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Deddington Church by Joan Todd

This little ode that I do tell
Is of a village you know well.
Its church, so noble, great and strong
Has served us well and served us long.

Its steeple lost in former years
And then four bells for Cavaliers..
The bellropes too - the vicar sold
To buy his liquor, we are told.

But now today - another threat.
It could be it's the biggest yet.
For beetles now invade the roof
And eat the timbers and forsooth..

'Tis up to us - the local folk
To raise the funds - it is no joke !
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(Joan's poem carried the day in the W.I.'s January poetry competition Ed.)

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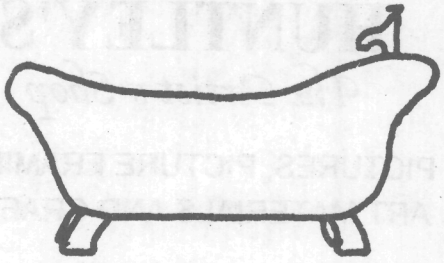
JACK AND THE BEANSTALK - at the Windmill Centre

To get this year's pantomime on stage took the combined efforts, talent and enthusiasm of more than 60 people. Every single one of them should feel proud. It was a cracker. Don't just take my word for it, ask anybody who was there in the audience. The old stalwarts did us proud, and there was some impressive new talent as well.

Widow Jimson, the Dame, as played by the indefatigable Jim Flux, was larger than life and twice as natural. George Fenemore, the Giant in a stovepipe hat, stamped and thundered and chilled our blood. As the odious Mr Growser, Martin Squires also inspired our boos and hisses. The always watchable Clare Lester was an engaging and perky Hob, while the juvenile leads, Heather Doole (Jack) and Olivia Minnear (Juno), made as fetching a pair of lovers as you could wish for. What about the 3 Ms, Matilda, Miranda and Maryjane, played by Dawn Franklin, Elizabeth Ryland and Lucy Squires? Didn't they do well? So did Julia Minnear, as Thomas. John Goddard (Bert) and Colin Galloway (Frank) were a nicely contrasted pair of rustics. And then there were the animals - Daisy the Cow, all heart and udders (Elizabeth and Frank Tothill), a very busy bee (Phoebe Ransom) and a squeaky little mouse (Alice Richards). Lottie Ransom, a brisk no-nonsense Henny Penny, marshalled and drilled her delightful little chicks into the cutest line-dancers you ever saw (Alysson Debenham, Miles Galloway, Leah Malcolm, Victoria Minnear, Georgia Minnear and Fern Spengler). Now, it can't be easy to act the part of a beanshoot, but Elizabeth Cox, Olivia Corradi, Alysson Debenham, Rose McGovern and Holly Mumford managed very well. Props were brilliantly engineered by Jo Mace and her team. Jo was also chiefly responsible, with Ruth Johnson, for the imaginative, colourful and ingenious costumes, and had a hand in the scene painting, along with Bill Dickinson, Betty Hill, Ken Wilkinson, Richard Smith et al. Underpinning all this was the script by Jean Flux and Molly Neild, who also produced the show - musical direction by Elizabeth Reed, choreography by Joanna Cox, sound and lighting by Richard Lister, Nigel Brayne and Tim Doole. Set construction, stage crew, prompt, front of house, promotion, refreshments - all played their part in making it a thoroughly enjoyable evening of pantomagic. NORMAN STONE

Deddington Players would like to thank everybody who helped to make the pantomime a success, especially the audiences. We need more adults if the success is to continue, so please join us next year. **Jim Flux**



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CALLING ALL CLUBS

Please notify any last minute changes in Club programmes to both Clubs and Diary Editors

DEDDINGTON NETBALL TEAMS

The first half of the winter season has got off to an excellent start. The senior team in the Banbury and District league have won all their games and are at the top of the second division. This was unexpected as this is the first time they have competed at this level. Well done everyone and good luck in the second half.

The under-14s league started with a tournament, Deddington entering two teams. The 'A' team finished joint 2nd and the 'B' 5th.

The league started on November 16 and the results so far are:

B team beat Brackley B 2-16; A team beat Carrdus 9-11; A team lost Spectrum 20-6

Training has started: U14s, Thursday night, Windmill Centre, 6-7pm; Seniors, Wednesday night, Banbury School 6.30-8pm.

B. LOWE 337108 D. CHATTERTON 338538

DEDDINGTON ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Members and their guests enjoyed good entertainment over Christmas; the whole of the holiday period was a great success. On a more sobering note, could I remind members that 1997 was a difficult year in which we just managed to pay our way. We continue to seek the support of members and, if possible, new members and local groups to improve our fortunes this year. The R.B.L. has been in existence since the early 1920s in Deddington; it would be a great loss as a 'community centre' as well as for its valued Branch work.

With regard to the recent Planning refusal, we are in the process of lodging an appeal.

DAVE KEATS 338095

THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB (formerly UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE)

An excellent Christmas Lunch at the Holcombe Hotel on December 17 marked the end of an era and the beginning of another. The Deddington Branch of the U3A was dissolved at the end of 1997 and The Friendship Club was born. The Club is open to all persons over the age of 50 and will provide members with the opportunity to get together for friendly discussions, musical afternoons, debates, probably an outside speaker every other month, and to participate in games such as Scrabble,Whist and Bridge.

At its first meeting on January 21 tracks from *Raise the Roof* were played and copies were sold, thus contributing to the Church Restoration Appeal. There was a general discussion about the content of the 1998 programme; full details will be available shortly. Why not go along to the Windmill Centre on February 4 and renew old friendships and make new ones? We look forward to welcomiing you.

PAT BRITTAIN 338685

DEDDINGTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

1st team results

Cropredy(a) (Charity Cup)	Won 7-1	C.Hill (3), M.Cadd (2), M.Hewitt (2)
Athletics Hardwick(h) (Benevolent Cup)	Won 8-1	C.Hill (3), G.Pinfold, M.Hawkins (2), T.Chatterton (2)
Bodicote Res(h)	Won 4-0	M.Hawkins jnr., C.Hill (2), T.Chatterton
Cropredy Res (h) (Alan Hughes Trophy)	Won 4-1	M.Hawkins, P.Tussingham, C.Hill (2)

An excellent month for the 1st Team, dominated by Cup games. All four matches resulted in emphatic victories. Youngster Mick Hawkins jnr. scored his first ever goal for the club. The Team is currently 2nd in Division 1, and Chris Hill is the leading goal scorer with 20 goals.

Reserve Team results

Wardington (h)	Lost 0-6	
Hornton Res. (a)	Lost 1-3	W.Cheeseman

Unfortunately both matches resulted in defeats. Will Cheeseman scored an excellent goal in a gritty performance against high-flying Hornton Res.

STEVE PLUMBE 01295-278258

DEDDINGTON GARDENERS

Goundry's are modernising, and so are we! Owing to storage and collection problems, we will not be organising a bulk order this year, but Goundry's have good bulk discounts starting from only 2 bags which, if our Deddington Gardeners' Discount is subtracted, offer prices comparing well with our old bulk order prices. For example, the Professional Growers Compost is £3.24p (for 2 - 5 bags inc. discount) for a 40-litre bag, only 14p more than last year. The discounts get bigger as the number of bags rise, so it is worth combining with a friend to maximise your order. There are two advantages for members. First, you get exactly what you want when it is convenient for you, and secondly, there are willing helpers to get heavy bags into your car! If anyone only wants, say, one bag of Growmore or Compost, phone me, or get in touch with Betty Hill, and we can add it on to our own orders and deliver it to you next time we are going. If you want to know the new prices, again, get in touch with us. Happy gardening !!

ELIZABETH TOTHILL 338186

CALLING ALL CLUBS contd.

DEDDINGTON W. I.

Our meeting on January 13 was very well attended and we were pleased to welcome several visitors to hear Marianne Elsley's talk, *A Refugee from Nazi Germany*. What can one say about this, except that Marianne's account was so immensely moving and graphic? We can only thank her again for recalling for us what must have been a most painful time for her. At the meeting on February 10 Mrs. J.Stilgoe will talk about *Nursing Worldwide - The Flying Doctor*. Meanwhile details are being finalised for our trip to Kew Gardens in May. **RENE MAHONY 338438**

DEDDINGTON PLAYERS

We hope you all enjoyed *Jack and the Beanstalk/stork*. Deddington used to be renowned for its resident printer who couldn't see and its professional signwriter who couldn't spell. Both have moved on but the tradition lingers! Thank you for your support. And now please see p.4 for your forthcoming entertainment! **JEAN FLUX 338153**

DEDDINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

This term we welcome Stephanie Bolduc, Robert Reed, Peter Oxley, Eddie Lynch, Thomas Waters, George Bruce, Hannah Westbury, Alex Law, Alex Lowen and Max Crosby.

The children took part in a sponsored silence last term and all succeeded in remaining quiet for one minute. The £400 raised, along with other fund-raising money, was used to purchase sofas, tables and book racks, making a comfy inviting area where the children can enjoy looking at books. We now have lovely yellow walls thanks to my husband, Mark, Simon Whitby and John Boyt. Jill's dad, Sid Munson, kindly mounted the book racks on the walls. We are very lucky to have support from such people in our community and from the parent/carers who together have made pre-school what it is now.

We are holding a quiz night in the British Legion, Friday Feb 27, tickets £3 from any committee member, Jill or me; please give your support. For any information about pre-school please contact me or Jill; or visit us Mon and Fri 9-11.30am; Tues, Wed and Thurs 9-11.30am and 12.30-3pm.

TRACY ROGERS 337383

THE MONDAY MORNING CLUB

We are delighted we raised £460 for the Church Restoration Appeal through our wine-tasting evening on November 29, a pleasant and sociable occasion. We have two expeditions in prospect. The first is to The Banbury Operatic Society's production of *The Yeoman of The Guard* on Feb. 16; final arrangements will be made at the Club coffee morning, Monday Feb. 2, 10am-noon. We also have some tickets for *Bartholomew Fair* at the Swan, Stratford, for the matinee, Wednesday April 1.

JEAN FLUX 338153

DEDDINGTON BEECHES BOWLS CLUB

The pre-Christmas tour was a great success with honours even in four matches against sometimes formidable opposition. John Boyt is already planning a return visit to Okehampton in late November. Subscriptions are now due and our first match for 1998 is at 6.15pm, Sat. February 7 vs Lower Heyford at the Woodgreen Centre. Names are also needed for the next indoor match vs Middle Barton on March 21. Please contact our vice captain Terry Hooley on 01295-788618 as soon as possible.

The whist drives continue to be great fun. Please come and join us at the Legion Club for 7.30pm on Weds. February 11, March 4 and April 1. Don't be put off by lack of experience - beginners are welcome and I have some guidance notes for those uncertain of the game. Both top prizes at our last drive were won by newcomers to the game. Full details of our activities are in our quarterly newsletter *Beechleaf* available from committee members. **JOHN CLIFFORD 340564**

DEDDINGTON GUIDES

Whilst getting ready to greet Santa Claus we learnt about children in Holland preparing to greet St Nicholas much earlier in December. We discussed how people live in and work in Holland when Natalie's Mum, Mrs Varmet came to talk to us and thank her very much for such an interesting evening. Heather organised a 'book' evening which involved dressing up as book characters - we all had fun identifying them and getting to know about the books. All our organisational skills were required to wrap nine different 'pass the parcel' packages for various children's groups in the village. They seemed to be a great success at their Christmas parties. We finished the term with our traditional fancy dress Chrismas party.

The Guides sang and played Christmas music and carols at a Christmas party for residents of Wardington House Nursing Home; a great success as ever - well done, Guides.

This term has seen us planning for the next few months, First Aid, climbing, international activities, agility badges, cooking, meeting the Rangers, learning sign language and preparing for our Spring entertainment when we hope to raise money for charity. We've been delighted to welcome some new members. Come along and join us: girls of 10 and over. **MAGGIE RAMPLEY 01295 810069**

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BACKPAGE INFO. - THAMES WATER

The back cover of this issue gives an updated list of useful telephone numbers.Thames Water asked me to remind you that their responsibility is for sewers on public land. Sewers on private property are your responsibility. In an emergency you can use the Thames Water no. quoted to find professional help. But you will have to pay the bill. JEAN FLUX

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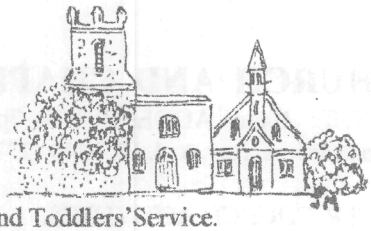

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February Services

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Wed 4 10am Holy Communion. **Thu 5** 2pm Squeals and Wheels Pram and Toddlers'Service.

Sun 8 **Education Sunday.** 10.30am Sung Eucharist.

Wed 11 10am Holy Communion. **Thu 12** 3.30pm Holy Communion at St Anne's Home, Clifton.

Sun 15 8am Holy Communion (BCP). 10.30am Sung Mattins (BCP).

Wed 18 10am Holy Communion followed by Service of Healing.

Sun 22 10.30am Sung Eucharist.

Wed 25 **Ash Wednesday.** 8pm Eucharist with opportunity to receive imposition of ashes. **No** service at 10am.

Sun 1 March 10.30am Service for all ages and Holy Communion. We hope to have young dancers with us in this service.

February Services (St John, Hempton).

Sun 1 & 15 9am Eucharist. **Sun 22** Evensong (BCP). **Sun 1 March** 9am Eucharist.

The Rev. Dr. Edmund Newell leaves the parish to become Chaplain to the Bishop of Oxford from April 1. His last service with us will be Sunday 8 March. On Friday 6 March there will be a presentation to Ed and Susan at a get-together in the Windmill Centre at 8pm. Any parishioners who would like to contribute towards the presentation should contact George Fenemore, Churchwarden, at Home Farm, Clifton, OX15 OPA (Tel. 338203).

Children's Church (4- 9 years) meets every Sunday in Deddington Church at 10.30am. On 1 February they stay in church for the All-ages Service. Other Sundays, after first hymn, they will go across to the Town Hall for story, prayers and activity before returning to church. We have room for more children. Please contact Gill Coyle (345256) or Celia Sprot (345060) or just turn up!

Bible Study Group will meet on Monday 9 February at 2pm in 15 Grove Court (Mrs Ridd).

Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust The Sponsored Cycle Ride in September 1997 raised £80,519 within the County, an increase of 9% over 1996. Deddington Church raised £704 and came second in our deanery. The Friends of Hempton Church raised £211. Thanks to all who helped.

Lent 1998 will begin on Ash Wednesday 25 February with a Eucharist in the Parish Church at 8pm. On Thursday evenings in March and on 2 April meetings will be held in the Parish Church at 8pm. The theme this Lent will be "Religion and the Arts". On each evening there will be a speaker, time for questions and discussion, and a short act of worship. More details in next Deddington News. Meanwhile, please note the dates. We shall be pleased to welcome you on these evenings.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS:

BAPTISMS: 20 December in Deddington, OLIVIA KATYA SCOTT.
4 January in Deddington, HENRY OSCAR JAMES, CHELSEA LOUISE TYLER, KRISTIAN ANTONY TYLER.

WEDDING: 20 December in Deddington, KLAUS JOCHMANN and SARAH CROSS.

FUNERALS: 30 December in Deddington Church, GEOFFREY JAMES CAMPBELL, aged 73 years.
8 January in Deddington Church - BEATRICE CHAPMAN, aged 91 years.

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February Services: **Sun 1** - Rev Albert Fox (Communion). **Sun 8** - Mr R. Dean.
Sun 15 -Rev Noel James. **Sun 22** - Mr Adkins.

Rev ALBERT FOX (345339).

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CHURCH AND CHAPEL cont.

HETHE: 10am ADDERBURY: 7pm. (Catholics observe this day with fasting and abstinence).
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INTER-CHURCH ACTIVITIES.
Monday 16 February. 7.45pm Ecumenical Prayer Group at Cromwell House, Market Place.
Christian Aid Advent Appeal Collection boxes placed in the Congregational Church, Wesleyan Chapel and the Church of SS Peter and Paul during December raised £62.10p, which has been sent to Christian Aid. Thanks are extended to all those who made this possible.

LIZ HANDLEY & PAT BRITTAIN

ETHIOPIA. Last year the Revd. Christopher Hall visited Christian Aid projects In Ethiopia. Come and see and hear about his experiences on Thursday Feb. 19 at 7.45pm. in the Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square.

TRIBUTES:
GEOFFREY JAMES CAMPBELL, aged 73 years.
Geoff was born in Oxford in 1924. After leaving school, he worked for the Oxford Electrical Company. During the Second World, Geoff first worked for the Pressed Steel Company in Oxford before joining the Royal Army Service Corps. He was later seconded to the War Office staff and drove captured Generals to the Nuremberg War Trials. After the war, he worked for British Road Services until retiring in 1983. Geoff was very much a family man, and we extend our sympathy to his widow, Joyce, and their sons Ian, Andrew and Neil, and their families.

EDMUND NEWELL.

BEATRICE CHAPMAN, aged 91 years.
Beatrice was born in Islington and lived in London until her husband, Norman, retired. In 1968 they came to live in Ilbury House, Deddington. They were regular attenders at Church and Beatrice was an active member of the Mothers' Union. After Norman died in 1970, she went to live with her son, Spencer, and his family. She returned to Deddington to occupy one of the Holly Tree bungalows until her health deteriorated. She moved to Charlton Lodge Nursing Home, where she died on 31 December.

KEN REEVES.

ELSIE KERRIDGE, aged 85 years.
Long-established residents of Deddington will be sad to hear of the death, on New Year's Eve in Halesworth, Suffolk, of Elsie Kerridge. Elsie lived in Deddington for many years with her late husband, Ben, and their family. She was a staunch member of the Church Choir and a founder member of the Holly Tree Club. Her funeral took place on Friday, January 9, with donations going to Deddington Church, c/o Woolnough's Funeral Services, Holton Road Halesworth. We extend our sympathy to her family and friends.

EDITOR

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FIRE SERVICE

FIRE CALLS 1997- During the last few weeks of 1997 we received 13 calls which were: 2 road traffic accidents; 1 washing machine fire; 2 car fires; 1 cooker fire; 1 shop fire; I small electrical fire; 1 call to outbuildings on fire; 2 calls to a mobile home fire; 1 call to stand by at Bicester Fire Station; 1 malicious false alarm - bringing the 1997 total to 118 which is 40 less than 1996 and 103 less than 1996.
1998 - only 2 calls received so far: 1 chimney fire, 1 call to stand by at Bicester Fire Station.
TRAINING : As I write this, 3 of the station personnel are on courses. Anne Waters is doing a HGV driving course so that she can drive the appliance. Martin Freeman and Peter Taylor are doing a one-week basic training course at the Brigade Training school.
RECRUITING : We would like to think that 1998 will bring us the 4 more recruits we need to bring the Station up to strength, thus enabling the rest of us to have a little more freedom.

ALBERT HUMPHRIES

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RURAL PLANNING ISSUES. (Extracts from **CDC'S** report on their June '97 Consultation Paper.) "Many people living and working in the rural areas of Cherwell District appear ready to accept some new development, provided that design and local environmental impacts are taken fully into account.... Other points made by respondents included strong support for protecting the character and local distinctiveness of the countryside, concerns about increasing levels of road traffic and the wish to be more involved in identifying development sites.
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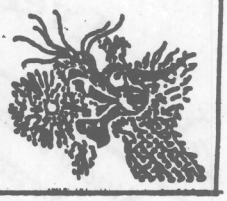

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FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

FROM BILL IVINGS, CAPTAIN OF THE BELL TOWER, PHILCOTE STREET

I should like to say a big Thank You to the Deddington News for all the support and publicity given to the Bell Ringers over the years. I say this with the most grateful thanks, as this will be the last time for me to write on behalf of the Ringers. At our A.G.M. on February 12th. I shall resign as Tower Captain. I have to stop ringing altogether, owing to the steps and my shortage of breath.

I have been ringing in Deddington since 1933 and have had the honour of being Captain for 32 years. My grateful thanks to everyone for their wonderful support and generous donations. This year the Bell Fund received £179.30 - thank you very much. I wish you all a very happy and successful year - and long may the Bells of Deddington keep ringing.

FROM JOAN DAVIS, HUDSON STREET

Hurrah ! We still have our Post Office. I should like to say how impressed I was with our Parish Council for reacting with such speed to make sure any pensioner was provided with the opportunity of a bus to Adderbury. We are normally quick to grumble: this time let's give them a pat on the back. Well done !

FROM MRS J. M. MACE, THE BULLRING

Much as we enjoy the advertisements in the Deddington News and make use of them, they are proliferating at the expense of village news and local literary talent. Would those who place advertisements agree to a 1/6 or a 1/4 page format ? The page value to the Deddington News would remain the same.

(This subject has been discussed by the D.N. Editorial Committee. More next month. Ed.)

THREATENED LIBRARY CLOSURES

From Geoff Todd (338532)

Oxon CC officers have recommended to the MALL (Museums, Libraries, Arts and Leisure) Committee that 8 libraries close (none in Cherwell). Further, they propose: (a) a 23% cut in hours together with a reduction in the book fund of £173,400 or: (b) a 15% cut in hours with a £268,700 cut in the book fund. This would mean a cut of 2 hours per week (from 14 to 12) for Deddington Library, ably run by Rosemary Arnold, and far fewer new books. The threat of closure appears to have receded but we have to wait to see what the County Councillors will, in fact, do. (See insert).

After the original announcement, a small group of people - also known as the Friends of Deddington Library - got together to try to mitigate the effects of cutbacks. While shorter hours may or may not be acceptable, there will still be a shortage of new publications. This is where DN readers can help. If you have books - hard or paper back - or tapes in good condition, why not take them to Rosemary ? They can then be enjoyed by your fellow villagers. At the same time, you will be supporting an important village facility.

If you have other ideas about how best to support OUR library do let me know. The Friends of Deddington Library are due to meet on Thursday, February 12 at 7.30pm. in the Town Hall.

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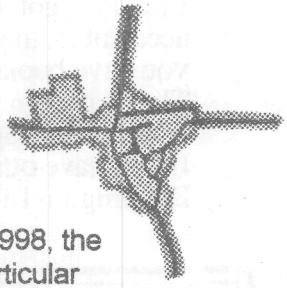
ON THE FARM

The sheep are now in their winter quarters, very happy to be out of the mud and soon to be prepared for lambing. The first lambs should appear in mid-February. With the continuing saga of BSE in cattle, Scrapie in sheep and other assorted food scares it is difficult to see the future prospects, if any, for farming. No other industry has attracted so much media attention or has been put under the microscope by so many experts. Agriculture is probably the largest industry in this country, with a very large work force. True the numbers who work the land and tend the livestock are falling but if you include all the industries that make or produce the products and equipment used in farming and the companies that process all the commodities produced by agriculture, you will see that a sizeable slice of the British economy is based on agriculture. We have our Government Department and a Minister in the Cabinet, so why is the Government hell-bent on strangling British farming with red tape and yet more regulations every time some cock-a-hoop suggestion or edict slithers out of Brussels? We all know the BSE saga and now the butchers cannot sell beef on the bone. You stand more chance of being run down by a runaway Tamworth pig than of catching anything from British beef.

The latest suggestions concern sheep and a disease called Scrapie. This is a disease of the nervous system and brain. It has been around for some 200 years in this country and other European countries. It is passed from the ewe to lambs at birth from the afterbirth and foetal fluids. There is no cure or method of diagnosis until the clinical signs appear and the infected animal is put down or dies and the brain is examined. It can take from 2 to 5 years for the clinical symptoms to appear and is always fatal. The name Scrapie is from the insatiable urge of an infected sheep to rub, scratch or bite any part of its body it can reach. The 'experts' think there may be a connection between Scrapie, BSE and CJD but have not yet come up with a conclusive link. As most mammals on this planet suffer from similar forms of brain disorders the link may never be proved. The Scrapie agent may have caused BSE in cattle through rendered sheep offal being included as a protein additive in cattle feed. This practice has now been stopped and the feed manufacturers must declare what is in the feed mix. Given that Scrapie has been around for 200+ years and that sheep have been imported and exported to and from countries all over the world it must be a world-wide problem. Who knows how it will end? Perhaps we should all turn vegetarian. Then the experts will come up with a mad cabbage disease

GEORGE FENEMORE

DEDDINGTON MAP GROUP



Many thanks to the people who responded to our appeal for aerial photographs. The pictures you lent us are full of interest and information. When we have catalogued them, we'll hand them back. Thanks also to the intrepid artists who have volunteered their services. You will be working with Ken Langstaff, who will get in touch with you shortly.

The Millennium is only 2 years away, and as we embark on our programme for 1998, the pace quickens. Each member of the Map Group is identified with at least one particular project and they will be appealing for information and help. Sometimes they will contact individuals direct, and sometimes through these Deddington News reports. For instance, are you interested in wild plants or birds or animals? Kristin Thompson is organising a survey of wildlife, season by season, in the wetlands, woodlands, churchyards and other habitats of Deddington, Clifton and Hempton. If you would like to take part, or want to know more about this seasonal study of local wildlife, please ring Kristin on 337052. For general information about the Map Group, what we aim to do and how you can help, please contact me.

NORMAN STONE 338019

RSPCA From - Ted Johnson

Our nearest RSPCA Animal Rescue Centre is at Blackberry Farm, Quainton, tel: 01296 655073. This new state of the art Centre is open daily (not Wednesdays) from 11 a.m to 4 p.m. During 1997 the Centre handled 707 cats, 424 dogs, 1141 small mammals and birds and many larger animals, including horses, sheep and pigs. Good homes were found for these creatures. A six-part Central TV series about Blackberry Farm begins in February (check TV schedules for exact date). A well-known Deddington Rescue Dog is featured!

If there are any readers who feel they could give a good home to a rescue animal please contact either Ted Johnson (tel: 01869 338355) or Blackberry Farm direct.The RSPCA emergency tel. no. is 0990 555999. This should be used only to report suspected or actual cases of cruelty and NOT used for information about re-homing or adoption procedures.

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GARDENING NOTES

The Bamboo in our garden has died after two droughts; my fault for not watering it, and I am really sorry. The dead plants have been awkward to remove and we shall have to decide what to put in their place. The site is walled and in total shade, so the choice is restricted. I expect more Bamboo, Elaeagnus, a Mahonia or Privet will win the day. I intend to have another climbing Hydrangea on the wall and put down a thick layer of bark chips, no ground cover this time. My appeal for some seeds of Miss Willmot's Ghost was successful. Janet Bond gave me some and I look forward to having some of those beautiful white thistles next year. I have been asked who Ellen Willmot was. She was a wealthy 'lady' gardener who employed 87 gardeners (some records say it was 88) on her estate in Middlesex. She was a little despised by real garden enthusiasts for her inability to trench dig and for her snobbery regarding unusual plants. None the less she was rich enough to support plant expeditions and has given her name to some rare varieties.

MARIANNE ELSLEY

"Let 'Dig for Victory' be the motto of everyone with a garden and of every able-bodied man and woman capable of digging an allotment in their spare time." Reginald Dorman-Smith in a radio broadcast, 3 October 1939.

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THELMA DOVER

THE WAY WE WERE **Deddington 150 years ago by Buffy Heywood**

Extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for January 1848:

1st JANUARY - I paid Edmund Waring the portion of wages due to him on leaving our service, I lament to say, for continued gross misconduct, after ten years and more having been passed between us as Master and Manservant (groom). He had been cautioned 3 times previously within 2 years.

3rd JANUARY - Edmund Waring quitted our service and Thomas Stevens of Barton came in his place. Gave away 13 tons of coal to the poor.

5th JANUARY - Left home again for Torquay, slept in Oxford at the Mitre having first attended at the trial of divers prisoners.

6th JANUARY - I started from Oxford by the express train for Torquay which I reached in safety and found our ever dearest Betsy then pretty well, for her, though her cough was more or less troublesome.

Susan returned to us on (I believe) the 5th of February, the boys having returned to their respective schools.

(There are no further entries in the diaries for February, March or April while the family remains in Torquay)

NEWS FROM HEMPTON

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Christmas Bazaar. It was a very enjoyable afternoon and about £870 was raised for the Friends of Hempton Church. Appreciation goes to Moira Byast, Jo Churchyard and all other stallholders for a great team effort. A children's party was held in the Church Hall just before Christmas and I am sure the youngsters enjoyed themselves. About 60 people attended the Carol Service just before Christmas with the choir from the Parish Church. Everyone enjoyed the service and thanks go to the people who served refreshments. Another well-attended service was on Christmas Day when 30 people attended, but only 8 people attended the Sunday evening service and this included 2 clergy and the organist.

The Friends of the Church hope to organise several events this year. Meanwhile the Annual subscription is due on 1 March 1998 and should be paid to John Temple-Smith.

Rose Edginton's old cottage continues to grow with a large extension at the back and work is going on at the Old Chapel, so with the 3 new houses on the Duns Tew Road there is quite a lot of building activity in the village.

If anyone has any news for this column, please let me know. LES CHAPPELL 338054

Deddington OnLine

Computing Fun Day on November 29 was pretty successful. Many thanks to Akita (Firaj and Adrian), Martin Blunden, Jeremy Bolduc, Alan Campbell, Alan Collins, Paul Drawmer, Mary and Colin Robinson and Liz Reed for their computing expertise and enthusiasm. Most of the 60 people who came found it both interesting and useful and suggested that we should do it again. We could. We could run workshops/demonstrations on, say, choosing a computer, basic word processing, or accessing and using the Internet. Comments and suggestions, please, to me on: 338282, or email: c.w.a.newey@open.ac.uk

Deddington OnLine - the Parish website - is now on the Internet. The address is: **http://www.akita.co.uk/deddington** Unfortunately, Firaj, who is 'uplinking', has been unwell, but the **Index** is up and running so, if you completed the leaflet circulated last November, your enterprise is now advertised on the 'Net'. Soon to go up will be the Church Restoration Appeal, the Health Centre, the village guide and lots more. The more enterprises we include, the greater the site's credibility and the greater the benefit to the whole community. So, please enter your business or club. Each entry in the Index needs a description of what it's about. Each business and homeworker has been allocated 25 words, each club, group or society 250 words, plus up to two illustrations. Completed descriptions, by **February 15** please, to: Sylvie Spenceley, 26 The Daedings : email: sylvie@daeda.u-net.com It's not too late to fill out a leaflet - new ones in the P.O. and pubs. Remember, you don't have to know about computing or the Net: it's like advertising in a local newspaper except that it's global and free! People from the USA might phone you... CHARLES NEWEY

Friends of Daeda's Wood

As 1998 gets under way quite a lot is stirring in the undergrowth. Remember we had £100 left over from a grant from the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council (September 97 DN)? They've kindly agreed we can use it in launching an on-going mobile exhibition showing - through photos, text and diagrams - how Daeda's Wood has evolved from the original cornfield. We're aiming at having our first exhibition at the School after half-term, i.e. from February 23. Later we shall approach other venues - and of course the range of pix will increase considerably as the wood gets well into its second season of growth.

We're also sending Daeda's Wood into cyberspace before long, with a page on Deddington's website. Our appeal for help in monitoring flora and fauna has yielded a welcome volunteer: Brian Bond who's going to keep a record of ornithological activity in the wood. If any of you notice anything of interest in the way of bird life, do let him know on 338351. Sylvie Spenceley 338995

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MARCH DIARY cont.

Sat 14/Sun 15	Waste Paper Skip in School Playground.
Wed 18	Parish Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7.30 pm.
Tu 24	**COPY DATE FOR APRIL DEDDINGTON NEWS.**
Sat 28/ Sun 29	Art at The Holly Tree Studio ,1998 exhibition, Holly Tree, 10 am - 6 pm

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TAILPIECE.....

Diary of Daisy, the Pantomime Cow

In the December issue of the DN your Intrepid Reporter spotted that the Deddington Players had a serious problem with casting the pantomime "Jack and the Beanstalk" - no one to play "Daisy" the Cow! So, braving the dangers of BSE, I bull-ied my husband into joining me in this challenging role.

December: Phew! Our producer, Jean Flux, assures me that we need not go into training until after Christmas, and can eat as much Pudding as we like (though better not eat beef.....!).

January: Rehearsals start in earnest; we await the hiring of our cow costume and make do with a blanket. We have trouble learning our little dance, but Elizabeth Reed is very helpful.

Wednesday, 14th: Our costume has arrived and we can practise in it. It turns out to be much more comfortable than expected, though I have trouble turning the head. In the mean time, we have been joined by another "animal" in the cast - the famous "bean (or has-been) stork" (as well as a bee, a mouse and lots of chicks).

Thursday, 22nd: After a week of intensive rehearsals it is the First Night!! We have a lovely audience who shout in all the right places and even clap our little dance! I have found the strings to keep the head steady and, best of all, I have found a use for my inherited "Ascot" hat. We have had a lovely time and we hope you have too. DAISY (a.k.a. ELIZABETH TOTHILL)

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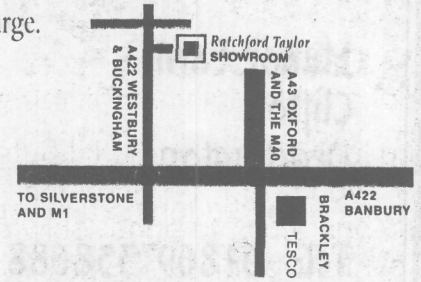

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